

1           A novel analytical method for time fractional  
2           convection-diffusion equation through clique  
3           polynomials of the cocktail party graph

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6   **Abstract**

7   This paper is devoted to providing a new approach to solve time fractional  
8   convection-diffusion equation (TFCDE) by utilizing Clique polynomials of  
9   the Cocktail party graph and collocation points. The main advantage of  
10   this method is converting the TFCDE into a system of ordinary fractional  
11   differential and algebraic equations. At this stage, Residual power series  
12   method (RPSM) is used to determine the unknown functions of the obtained  
13   system. Convergence analysis is given to substantiate the importance of the  
14   suggested method. Two numerical examples are presented to illustrate the  
15   implementation and effectiveness of the proposed method.

16   *Keywords:* Fractional convection-diffusion equation, Collocation points,  
17   Clique polynomials, Residual power series method.

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18   **1. Introduction**

19   Last couple of decades, modelling scientific processes by fractional differ-  
20   ential equations gains influential attention in various areas of science such  
21   as nonlinear waves, nuclear physics, thermodynamics, image and signal pro-  
22   cessing, visco-elasticity, acoustics, optics, aerodynamics, etc. [1]. As a result,  
23   fractional calculus becomes an essential branches of mathematics, physics and  
24   engineering. The fractional calculus contains arbitrary non-integer order of  
25   differentiation and integration. It provides various numerous a substantial  
26   features to be used in the analysis of miscellaneous real-world phenomena.  
27   For instance, their non-local property plays a leading role in the modelling  
28   of memory-dependent phenomena such as porous media and anomalous dif-  
29   fusion [2–5]. The mathematical models with fractional differential equations

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2 reflect the hereditary and memory of the phenomena [6–9] which makes them  
3 more valuable compare to ordinary differential equations. A variety of frac-  
4 tional derivatives such as Grünwald-Letnikov, Riemann–Liouville, Caputo,  
5 Caputo-Fabrizio, Atangana-Baleanu Caputo type, Atangana-Baleanu Rie-  
6 mann–Liouville type, etc. [10, 11] have been defined and used in the mod-  
7 elling of scientific processes by fractional differential equations based on their  
8 properties.

9 In large number of areas in science and engineering such as transport of mass  
10 and energy , weather prediction , dispersion of chemicals in reactors , the  
11 convection-diffusion equations [12–14] is an important tool to model scien-  
12 tific processes. Special polynomials such as Bernoulli polynomials, Legendre  
13 polynomials, Hermite polynomials, Chebyshev polynomials etc. [15–18] play  
14 a substantial role to establish the solutions of fractional differential equations.  
15 They also form a basis for a special function spaces in which the solutions  
16 of the differential equations are constructed in series form. Therefore, uti-  
17 lizations of these polynomials arise in numerous fields of science to develop  
18 new methods for solving any kind of fractional differential equations. Some  
19 polynomials having orthogonality property attracts the attention of many  
20 researchers since the computation is easier with them.

21 Graphs are crucial tools to model various processes in real-world. Even  
22 though graphs provide single dimensional objects, it can be used in higher  
23 dimensional spaces in diverse fields. Graph theory is a combination of diverse  
24 branches of mathematics such as numerical analysis, matrix theory, topology,  
25 group theory, set theory, probability and combinatorics. In the development  
26 of numerical methods for attaining the solution of fractional differential equa-  
27 tions a good many graph polynomials such as Clique polynomial, Charac-  
28 teristic polynomial, matching polynomials, Tutte polynomials, etc. [19, 20]  
29 have been used.

30 In the present work, we use the clique polynomial of the cocktail party graph  
31 instead of the clique polynomial of the complete graph to obtain the solution  
32 of following TFCDE [21] :

$$D_t^\alpha u(x, t) + b(x)u_x(x, t) + c(x)u_{xx}(x, t) = f(x, t), 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq t \leq T \quad (1)$$

33 with the initial and the boundary conditions

$$u(x, 0) = \phi(x), 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad (2)$$

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$$u(0, t) = \mu_1(t), u(1, t) = \mu_2(t), 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad (3)$$

1 where  $f(x, t)$  represent the source function and,  $D_t^\alpha u(x, t)$  is Caputo's deriva-  
 2 tive of order  $m - 1 < \alpha \leq m, m \in N$ .

### 3 **2. Preliminaries**

4 In this section, fundamental definitions and notions are presented.

5 *Definition 1.* The Riemann-Liouville integral for  $\alpha$  is [22–25]:

$$J^\alpha f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^x (x - \tau)^{\alpha-1} f(\tau) d\tau, & \alpha > 0, \\ f(x) & , \alpha = 0. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

6 *Definition 2.* The  $\alpha^{th}$  order fractional derivative in Caputo sense is given by  
 7 [22–25]

$$D^\alpha f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-\alpha)} \int_0^x (x - \tau)^{m-\alpha-1} f^{(m)}(\tau) d\tau, & m - 1 < \alpha < m, m \in N, \\ \frac{d^{(m)}}{dx^{(m)}} f(x) & , \alpha = m. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

9 *Definition 3.* A power series expansion of the form

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_m (t - t_0)^{m\alpha} = c_0 + c_1 (t - t_0)^\alpha + c_2 (t - t_0)^{2\alpha} + \dots, \quad (6)$$

$$0 \leq m - 1 < \alpha \leq m, t \geq t_0$$

10 is called fractional power series about  $t = t_0$  [25].

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### 12 **3. Clique Polynomial of Cocktail Party graph (CCPG)**

13 In a complete subgraph, the number of cliques plays a vital role. The  
 14 maximal clique  $G$  is defined as the highest clique in a graph  $G$ . A clique of  
 15 size  $m$  is defined as the maximal set containing nodes at a distance not more  
 16 than  $n$ . A maximal clique have the greatest possible number of vertices.  
 17 In other words a maximal clique can not be extended to a larger clique by  
 18 adding new vertex.

19 In a connected graph  $G$ , the clique polynomial is given in the following form:

$$C(G; x) = a_0(x) + \sum_{\theta=1}^{\rho(G)} a_\theta x^\theta \quad (7)$$

1 where  $a(\theta)$  represents total  $\theta$  cliques in  $G$ , the constant  $a_0(x)$  denotes the  
2 total zero cliques in  $G$ . Moreover,  $\rho(G)$  denotes the maximal clique. The  
3 Clique polynomial of the  $m^{\text{th}}$ - order Cocktail party graph is obtained by  
4 substituting  $\rho(G) = m$  in (7)

$$C(K_{m(2)}; x) = (1 + 2x)^m \quad (8)$$

5 where  $K_{m(2)}$  is the notation of complete cocktail party graph with  $m$ -partite.  
6 Notice that placing the values of  $a(\theta)$  in (7) leads to Eq. (8) [26]. A Cocktail  
7 graph have paired nodes on two rows and unpaired nodes are connected with  
8 straight lines. Therefore the distance among nodes are transitive and regular.  
9 Moreover they have antipodal feature. They are regarded as dual graph of  
10 the hypercube or complement of the ladder rung graph. Clique polynomials  
11 are not orthogonal but the clique polynomials of the cocktail party graph  
12 are orthogonal and the solution can be written in the series form in terms  
13 of clique polynomials of the cocktail party graph [27–29]. In other words,  
14 the exact solution can be constructed in terms of clique polynomials of the  
15 cocktail party graph unlike the clique polynomials.

#### 16 4. Convergence Analysis

17 *Theorem 1.* Let  $R^n$  be the polynomial space of degree  $n + 1$  over the field  
18  $R$ . The solution  $F(x, t) : [a, b] \times [0, T] \rightarrow R^n$  of TFCDE is given as follows:

$$F(x, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m(t) C(K_{m(2)}; x) \quad (9)$$

19 *Proof.* Let  $R^n$  is the polynomial space of degree  $n + 1$  over the field  $R$ , and  
20  $F(x, t) : [a, b] \rightarrow R^n$  is a solution of TFCDE of degree at most  $n$ . Then there  
21 is a basis  $B = C(K_{1(2)}; x), C(K_{2(2)}; x), \dots, C(K_n(2)}; x), C(K_{n+1(2)}; x)$ , con-  
22 taining orthogonal polynomials of clique cocktail party graph (CCPG) poly-  
23 nomials, where  $C(K_{1(2)}; x), C(K_{2(2)}; x), \dots, C(K_n(2)}; x), C(K_{n+1(2)}; x)$  are  
24 CCPG polynomials of degree  $0, 1, 2, \dots, n$  respectively. Consider,

$$F(x, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{n+1} a_m(t) C(K_{m(2)}; x) \quad (10)$$

25 for fixed  $n$  is a linear combination of elements of  $B$ . By equating the coeffi-  
26 cients of the same degree  $x$  on both sides, we get the values of  $a_m(t)$ . Hence

1  $F(x, t)$  is approximated precisely as a linear combination of CCPG poly-  
 2 nomials.

3 *Theorem 2.* Let  $F(x, t)$  be the solution of TFCDE, which is a smooth real-  
 4 valued bounded function on  $[a, b] \times [0, T]$ .  $L_2[a, b]$  is the space generated by  
 5  $B$ , then the orthogonal CCPG polynomials expansion of  $F(x, t)$  converges to  
 6 it.

7 *Proof.* Let us assume

$$F(x, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m(t)C(K_{m(2)}; x) \quad (11)$$

8 truncating the above equation, we get,

$$F(x, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{n+1} a_m(t)C(K_{m(2)}; x) \quad (12)$$

9 where,  $a_m(t) = \langle F(x, t), C(K_{m(2)}; x) \rangle$ , here  $\langle . \rangle$  denote inner product  
 10 operator. Then

$$a_m(t) = \int_a^b F(x, t)C(K_{m(2)}; x)dx. \quad (13)$$

11 Then,

$$\int_a^b \inf_t F(x, t)C(K_{m(2)}; x)dx \leq a_m(t) \leq \int_a^b \sup_t F(x, t)C(K_{m(2)}; x)dx. \quad (14)$$

12 By generalized mean value theorem, the following inequalities are obtained

$$\inf_t F(x_0, t) \int_a^b C(K_{m(2)}; x)dx \leq a_m(t) \leq \sup_t F(x_1, t) \int_a^b C(K_{m(2)}; x)dx, \quad (15)$$

13 for some  $x_0, x_1$ . Choose,  $\int_a^b C(K_{m(2)}; x)dx = \mu$  and  $F$  is bounded by some  
 14 real constant  $K$ , then we get,  $|a_m(t)| \leq |\mu K|$ . Therefore  $\sum a_i(t)$  converges  
 15 absolutely. Hence a linear combination of  $F(x, t)$ , through the basis element  
 16 of  $B$ , converges to it.

1 **5. Implementation of the presented method**

2 In order to construct the approximate solution  $u(x, t)$  for the problem  
 3 (1)-(4) by the sets of special polynomials as

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i(t)C(K_{i(2)}; x) \quad (16)$$

4 we follow the steps below:

5 **Step 1.** Plugging the  $m^{th}$  degree approximation of Eq.(16) into the Eq.(1)  
 6 leads to the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=0}^m D_t^\alpha a_i(t)C(K_{i(2)}; x) + b(x) \sum_{i=0}^m a_i(t)C'(K_{i(2)}; x) \\ & + c(x)L \sum_{i=0}^m a_i(t)C''(K_{i(2)}; x) = f(x, t), n - 1 < \alpha \leq n. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

7 **Step 2.** Collocating Eq.(17) at the nodes  $x_k = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\cos(\frac{k\pi}{m}), k = 0, 1, \dots, m-1,$   
 8 we have a system of fractional ordinary differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=0}^m D_t^\alpha a_i(t)C(K_{i(2)}; x_k) + b(x_k) \sum_{i=0}^m a_i(t)C'(K_{i(2)}; x_k) \\ & + c(x_k)L \sum_{i=0}^m a_i(t)C''(K_{i(2)}; x_k) = f(x_k, t), n - 1 < \alpha \leq n. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

9 **Step 3.** Plugging the  $m^{th}$  degree approximation of Eq.(16) into in the ini-  
 10 tial and boundary conditions Eq.(2)-(3) leads to the following a system of  
 11 algebraic equations, we can obtain  $([\alpha] + 1)$  equations as follows :

$$\sum_{i=0}^m a_i(0)C(K_{i(2)}; x) = \phi(x_k), \quad (19)$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^m a_i(t)C(K_{i(2)}; 0) = \mu_1(t), \quad (20)$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^m a_i(t)C(K_{i(2)}; 1) = \mu_2(t). \quad (21)$$

1 **Step 4.** As a result, we have a system including fractional ordinary differen-  
 2 tial and algebraic equations. Solving this system by RPSM yields unknown  
 3 functions  $a_i(t), i = 0, 1, 2 \dots m$  which are taken into account to form the ap-  
 4 proximate solution  $u_m(x, t)$ .

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## 6 **6. Special Elucidative Examples**

7 The primary aim of this section is to illustrate the implementation of the  
 8 method by presented examples and check their accuracy.

9 *Example 1.* Consider the following time fractional convection-diffusion equa-  
 10 tion:

$$D_t^\alpha u(x, t) + xu_x - u_{xx}(x, t) = f(x, t), 0 < \alpha \leq 1, x \in (0, 1) \times (0, 1] \quad (22)$$

11 with initial and boundary conditions

$$u(x, 0) = x - x^3, \quad (23)$$

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$$u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0, \quad (24)$$

13 where  $f(x, t) = \frac{\Gamma(1+2\alpha)}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} t^\alpha (x - x^3) + (1 + t^\alpha)(7x - 3x^3)$ .

14 The exact solution of Example 1 is  $u(x, t) = (1 + t^{2\alpha})(x - x^3)$ . The absolute  
 15 errors obtained by proposed method are given in Table 1 for  $\alpha = 0.7, 0.9, 0.95$ ,  
 16 respectively at  $T = 0.1$ . In Figure 1, the graph of exact and numerical so-  
 17 lution are presented for various values of  $\alpha$  at  $T = 0.1$  with  $m = 3$ . It is  
 18 clear from Figure 1 that numerical results are in good agreement with exact  
 19 solution.

20 *Example 2.* Consider the following time fractional convection-diffusion equa-  
 21 tion in the following form:

$$D_t^\alpha u(x, t) + xu_x(x, t) + u_{xx}(x, t) = f(x, t), 0 < \alpha \leq 1, x \in (0, 1) \times (0, 1] \quad (25)$$

22 with initial and boundary conditions

$$u(x, 0) = x^2, \quad (26)$$

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$$u(0, t) = 2 \frac{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)}{\Gamma(1 + 2\alpha)} t^{2\alpha}, \quad (27)$$

Table 1: The absolute error at  $T = 0.1$  and  $\alpha = 0.7, 0.9, 0.95$ , respectively for Ex.1.

$x$	$\alpha = 0.7$		$\alpha = 0.9$		$\alpha = 0.95$	
	$m = 6$ [21]	Present method	$m = 6$ [21]	Present method	$m = 6$ [21]	Present method
0.1	3.0250e-03	6.9389e-17	2.4473e-03	2.7756e-17	2.3521e-03	4.1633e-17
0.2	5.8222e-03	2.7756e-17	4.7146e-03	2.7756e-17	4.5138e-03	5.5511e-17
0.3	8.1614e-03	2.7756e-16	6.6114e-03	2.2204e-16	6.3227e-03	1.6653e-16
0.4	9.8394e-03	0	7.9728e-03	5.5511e-17	7.6213e-03	1.1102e-16
0.5	1.0675e-02	1.1102e-16	8.6566e-03	2.2204e-16	8.2740e-03	0
0.6	1.0492e-02	1.6653e-16	8.5537e-03	5.5511e-17	8.1765e-03	1.1102e-16
0.7	9.3727e-03	2.7756e-16	7.5997e-03	3.8858e-16	7.2674e-03	1.1102e-16
0.8	7.1396e-03	0	5.7900e-03	1.1102e-16	5.5422e-03	3.8858e-16
0.9	3.9436e-03	1.1102e-16	3.1971e-03	1.6653e-16	3.0699e-03	4.1633e-16

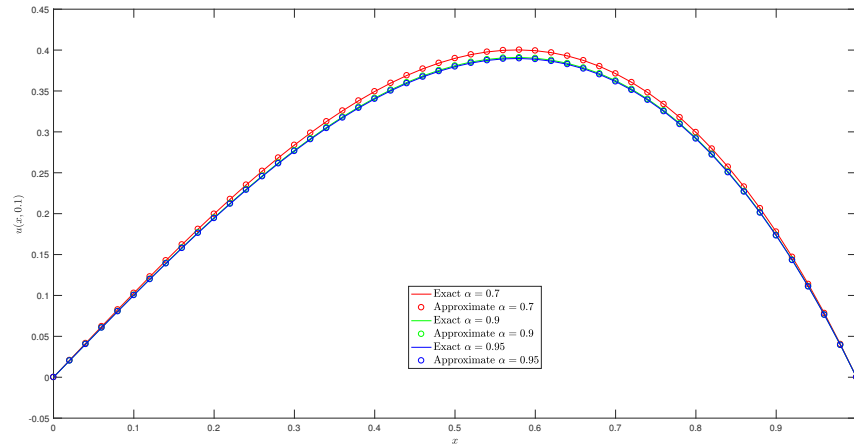


Figure 1: The graph of exact and numerical solution for various  $\alpha$  values, ( $m = 3$  and  $T = 0.1$ ) for Example 1.



Table 2: The absolute error at  $T = 0.5$  and  $\alpha = 0.5$  for Ex.2.

$x$	$\alpha = 0.5$	
	$m = 5$ [21]	Present method
0.1	7.964e-06	0
0.2	3.912e-06	0
0.3	6.162e-06	0
0.4	5.953e-06	0
0.5	2.103e-06	0
0.6	7.639e-06	0
0.7	1.967e-06	0
0.8	8.103e-06	0
0.9	6.019e-06	0

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$$u(1, t) = 1 + 2 \frac{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)}{\Gamma(1 + 2\alpha)} t^{2\alpha}, \quad (28)$$

2 where  $f(x, t) = 2t^\alpha + 2x^2 + 2$ .

3 The exact solution of Example 2 is  $u(x, t) = x^2 + 2 \frac{\Gamma(1+\alpha)}{\Gamma(1+2\alpha)} t^{2\alpha}$ . The absolute  
4 errors obtained by proposed method are given in Table 1 for  $\alpha = 0.5$ , respec-  
5 tively and  $T = 0.5$ . In Figure 2, the graph of exact and numerical solution  
6 are presented for various values of  $\alpha$  at  $T = 0.5$  with  $m = 2$ . It is clear from  
7 Figure 2 that numerical results are in great agreement with exact solution.

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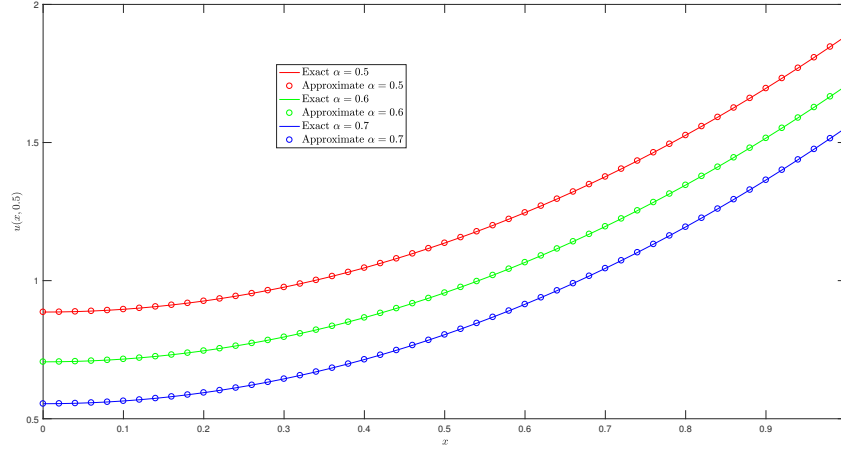


Figure 2: The graph of numerical and exact solution for  $\alpha = 0.5$  at  $T = 0.5$  for Example 2.

## 1 7. Conclusions

2 In this research, a new approach is developed by means of Clique poly-  
 3 nomials and collocation points to establish the solution of TFCDE. First,  
 4 TFCDE is reduced into a system of ordinary fractional differential and al-  
 5 gebraic equations which allows us to acquire the solution without any diffi-  
 6 culty. Later, utilization of RPSM let us to obtain the solution of the system.  
 7 Convergence analysis is also presented to demonstrate significance of the  
 8 proposed approach. Implementation of this approach is demonstrated by  
 9 presenting two numerical examples which shows the effectiveness and accu-  
 10 racy of the suggested method.

11 In the future work, cocktail party graph with various polynomials will be used  
 12 together to solve diverse nonlinear fractional problems. Moreover, RPSM will  
 13 be changed by another numerical or approximate method to construct the  
 14 solution of the problem.

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